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BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORTS


of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1953.



BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor	H.S. Whitehead (Chairman).
"	J.H. Ashworth.
"	J. Addleshaw.
"	G.C. Bailey.
"	H. Edge.
"	T.G. Hill.
"	J.B. Humphreys.
"	H.C. Irvine.
"	K.V. Irvine. (Mrs.)
"	A.D. Johnson.
"	J. Kay.
"	T.H. Ormson.

OFFICIALS.

D. Longbottom. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

A.E. Shimmings. M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.

Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor etc.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953.

Urban District of Bowdon.

Section A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Area of the Urban District, of Bowdon is 1090 acres.
The Registrar General's estimate of the population is 3,646.

The Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1953 according to the rate book was approximately 1,180.

The Rateable Value of the District is 42,098. and the sum represented by a penny rate is £167-13-1.

The Social Conditions are good. The District is almost entirely residential and there is no industry of note.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Live Births.</u> (Legitimate)	55	25	30
(Illegitimate)	2	1	1
	<u>57</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>Still Births.</u>	3	1	2
<u>BIRTH RATE.</u> per 1,000 of estimate population		15.84	
Standardised Birth Rate		15.84	

DEATHS.

Total Number of Deaths in District.	51.
<u>Death Rate.</u> per 1,000 of the estimated total.	14.16
Standardised DEATH rate.	11.47

The population figures given are home population, and the births and deaths rates are based on this population. The standardised births and deaths rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer basis for comparison with those of other areas.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A. Services Provided in accordance with the Requirements of the National Health Service Act 1946.

1. Hospital Services.

Controlling Body: Manchester Regional
Hospital Board.

Local Hospitals: Administered by North West and Mid Cheshire
Hospital Management Committee.

Secretary- Mr. M. Owen Administrative Offices, Altrincham.

Hospitals Serving the Area.:-

General Acute Cases- Altrincham General Hospital.
Denzell (Convalescent).

General Chronic Cases.:- Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.
(Withington Hospital Manchester)

Maternity Hospitals:-

Altrincham Maternity Hospital,
Sinderland Road, Altrincham.
Southfield Langham Road, Bowdon.

Hospitals Serving the Area (Cont).

Ear Nose & Throat. St Annes Home, Woodville Rd. Altrincham.
Infectious Diseases. Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath,
Manchester.

Smallpox:- Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Bury.

A large proportion of cases from Bowdon are treated in Manchester Hospitals.

2. General Practitioner & Dental Services.

Controlling Body: National Health Services Executive for Cheshire.

Clerk:- Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

3. Services Administered by the Altrincham Divisional Health Committee.

1. Ambulance Service.

2. Immunisation & Vaccination:- Bowdon Vale Clinic. Vicarage Lane.
2nd & 4th Thursday in the Month.

3. Care and After.

4. Home Help Service.

Services Administered by the County Health Committee

5. Maternity and Child Welfare:- Bowdon Vale Clinic 2nd & 4th
Thursday in the Month.

6. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing.

7. Dental Service:- Expectant & Nursing Mothers pre School
Children.

8. Mental Health Service, Duly Authorised Officer for Mental
Health, Mr. R. Dixon, 18 Stanley Road,
Knutsford.

The Altrincham Divisional Health Committee Area covers Hale
U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B. Knutsford U.D.C. and
Bucklow R.D.C. and includes members of the County Council and
co-opted members.

The Divisional Medical Officer is Dr. D. Longbottom M.B., Ch.B.,
Altrincham Divisional Health
Officer. Mountlands, The Mount,
Altrincham.

B. Other Services by other Committees of the Cheshire Council.

Education Committee. School Health Service including School
dental Service.

Welfare Committee. Old persons care and attention- Homeless
handicapped persons provision for residential
accommodation.

County Welfare Officer:- Mr. Evans, Hough Green, Chester.

Childrens Committee. Provides for the care of deprived children
not under parental care.

Childrens Officer. Miss Kirby, Council Offices, Bexton Road,
Knutsford.

The Sanitary Inspector, who also acts as Surveyor is a whole
time official. This position is filled by Mr. A.E. Shimmings
who holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and
the S.I.E.J. Board and the meat inspectors certificate (R.S.I.)

Laboratory Facilities. Specimens for examination are sent to
the Public Health Laboratories Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

Section C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation Waterworks.
Department. Both quality and quantity have been satisfactory
during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1953.


	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Malignant Neoplasm. Stomach.	1	1	2
" " Lungs.	1	-	1
" " other.	4	1	5
Diabetes.	-	1	1
Vascular Disease of Nervous System.	4	9	13
Coronary Disease Aghina.	2	2	4
Hypertension of Heart.	-	1	1
Other Heart Diseases.	1	13	14
Other Circulatory "	-	1	1
Influenza.	-	1	1
Bronchitis.	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Other ill defined diseases.	3	2	5
Suicide.	1	-	1
	<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>51</u>

The Infectious Diseases Notified were as listed:-

Scarlet Fever.	1.
Whooping Cough.	1.
Acute Poliomyelitis.	NIL.
Measles.	13.
Diphtheria.	NIL.
Ac Pneumonia.	2.
Dysentery.	NIL.
Smallpox.	NIL.
Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	NIL.
Acute Encephalitis.	NIL.
Paratyphoid Fever.	NIL.
Erysipelas.	NIL.
Food Poisoning.	NIL.
Brucella.	NIL.
Tuberculosis.	

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Medical Officer of Health.
BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SANITARY INSPECTOR.
for the year 1953.

The Chairman and Members of the
Bowdon Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen.

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary
Administration of the area, for the year ended 31st December, 1953.

Water Supply.

The whole of the district is supplied from the Manchester Corporation Mains. The supply in all cases is direct to the house or premises. The supply of water has been satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

The Thirlmere water is neutralised with hydrated lime so as to give a pH value of 7 to 7.5. Plumbo-solvency tests were not carried out during the year but past records show that water which has stood in contact with lead service pipes overnight has a lead content very definitely less than 0.2 P.P.M.pH.

Sewerage and Sanitary Accommodation.

It has not been necessary to lay any new sewers in the district. A length of sewer found to be defective has been repaired.

The whole district is on the water borne system with the exception of 7 outlying cottages.

Factories Act 1937.

No action has been necessary under Part 1, Section 1-11 and Part 8, Sections 110 and 111 of this Act.

Inspection of Food.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are 7 producers in the area. These premises are constantly inspected. No adulteration has been found and no action has been necessary.
- (b) Inspection of Meat and other foods. All food shops are constantly under inspection. There is only one butchers shop in the area, the meat being obtained from the Altrincham Area. No animals have been slaughtered for human consumption. There are no slaughterhouses or knackers yards in the area.

Premises where food is prepared or sold.

Vicarage
Lane
Area.

Grocer.	Confectioner.	Sweets.	Ices.	Butchers.	Greengrocer.	Wet Fish.	Fried Fish.	Off License.	Inn.
1	1								
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1		1							
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Church
Area.

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Food Poisoning outbreaks. NIL.

Food stuffs surrendered. The following food stuffs were voluntarily surrendered, certified as unfit for human consumption and destroyed.

Luncheon Meat	3 Tins.	Pineapples	6 Tins.
Apricots	7 "	Peaches	3 "
Plums	30 "	Sardines	8 "
Pears	5 "	Bacon	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Milk	11 "	Ham	31 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Steak	3 "		

Wrapping and Handling of Food stuffs. No prosecutions have been necessary

Ice Cream premises. No ice cream is manufactured in the area.
There are three shops which sell propacked ice cream in each case under satisfactory conditions.

Smoke Abatement. There are no factory chimneys in the area and no nuisance has arisen.

Eradication of Bed bugs and other Insect Pests. No cases of bed bug infestations were discovered or reported during the year. The departments help was sought for the destruction of wasps nests (6) and the destruction of ants nests (4).

Building Licenses. During the year the following building licenses were issued. New Dwellings 26. Supplementary 8. Conversion 3. Extensions and repairs 6.

Shops Act 1950. Action has not been necessary during the year in respect of the provisions of Section 36 of the Shops Act 1950 with regard to sanitary and other arrangements in shops

Rodent Control.

Treatment is carried out by one of the Council workmen who has attended a course of instruction in Rodent Control. His services are utilised on this work as and when necessary. The Ministry of Food recommended methods are used.

Sewer tests are taken at 6 monthly intervals.

In March, 22 Manholes were test baited, resulting in two takes. In consequence of this 6 Manholes were baited resulting in four takes.

In November, 20 Manholes were test baited which resulted in 3 takes. In consequence of this test 9 Manholes were again baited which resulted in 2 takes. Four Manholes were then poison baited, which resulted in one partial take. From these figures you will see that the control of Rodents is highly satisfactory.

The Councils Refuse Tip and Sewage Farm are baited weekly and the Towns Yard monthly as a routine matter and at other times if found to be necessary.

No serious infestations in the area have been found or reported.

I am Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

A.E. SHIMMINGS.

Sanitary Inspector.

